

Class response

Middle School Language Arts

This week we learned about writing essays mostly. We did two practice essays. I learned that every essay has an introduction, body, and conclusion. You should try to have 2-3 paragraphs in the body. And you should never forget your conclusion because then how would the reader know you are done? What is hard for me is to start off in a strong way in my introduction. What is easy is for me to get the details in the body paragraph but sometimes I don't always keep them in the best order.

Middle School Math

This week in math class we worked very hard on positive and negatives and how to add, subtract, multiply and divide them. We've been working on this for a while but we still need more practice.

When you add numbers, usually, you just add them to get a total. With positives and negatives you can't just do that. You have to look at absolute value. I like to think of this like money. If you have \$10 and then someone took away \$5, that would be like a -5. So then to add 10 and -5, you have 5 left. Now if you have \$10 in your account and the bank put a \$15 fee on you, you would be \$5 in the hole or -5. So that's how you can take a larger number from a smaller one (that's how it seems).

In multiplying and dividing, you have to look at whether the signs of the numbers are the same or not. If they are the same then your answer will have a positive sign. If different (like one is + and one is -) then your answer will be negative.

I'm still confused on multiplying and dividing so I need more help with that next week and more practice. I'm good on the adding and subtracting now.